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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ADVISORY FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2003

U.S. ATTORNEY PATRICK L. MEEHAN TO MEET WITH LANCASTER COUNTY *PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS (PSN)* TASK FORCE FOLLOWED BY *PSN* INDICTMENT PRESS CONFERENCE IN BERKS COUNTY

EVENT SCHEDULE

11:00 a.m. – U.S. Attorney Meehan will join Lancaster County District Attorney Don Totaro, Lancaster Mayor Charles Smithgall, representatives of Lancaster City Council, local business leaders, and community activists in a meeting of the *Project Safe Neighborhoods* Task Force. Topics of discussion will include how to best combine all of the available federal, state, and local resources to combat gun violence in Lancaster's most vulnerable neighborhoods. The meeting will be held in the Lancaster City Council Chambers, South Market Street at the corner of S. Queen & W. Vine in Lancaster.

2:30 p.m. – U.S. Attorney Meehan will join Berks County District Attorney Mark Baldwin, Assistant U.S. Attorney Frank Barbieri, Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Theresa Johnson to announce the indictment of a major, Reading-based drug organization. The press conference will be held on the steps of Reading City Hall, 5th & Washington Streets, Reading, Pa. The rain location will be the 2nd floor conference room.